Terrorists using BYC platform to recruit youth: CTD

• DIG Goraya claims militant networks exploit underage children due to lax checking at schools and colleges
• Govt activates 'Red Notice Cell' to track over 100 suspects abroad accused of conspiring against Pakistan

Dawn Report

QUETTA: Balochistan Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Aitzaz Goraya alleged on Thursday that terrorists were using the platform of the Balochistan Yakjehti Committee (BYC) to recruit youth into their networks.

DIG Goraya made the remarks while addressing a joint press conference with Balochistan Additional Chief Secretary Hamza Shafqaat, where he shared details of a terrorist arrested during an operation in Panjgur.

He said the CTD, police and law enforcement agencies arrested Sajid Ahmad alias Shahwaiz, a resident of Turbat, during the operation.

He said Sajid held a master's degree in sociology from the International Islamic University, Islamabad, and had worked on a contract basis at Zubaida Jalal Government College for three years before teaching at the University of Turbat.

The CTD DIG said Sajid had "remained with the BYC and was in constant communication with its leadership".

"One thing that has surfaced prominently is the role of the BYC. Every individual facilitating or involved in what they call a sharing or intelligence network is somehow linked to the BYC," DIG Goraya said.

"Besides Sajid, we have also arrested three others, against whom FIRs are being registered," he added.

One of the suspects was identified as 18-year-old Sarfaraz, a resident of Kharan, who was allegedly tasked with conducting reconnaissance of police movements and polio duties.

"He was first made to join the BYC and was involved in its protests and roadblocks," the CTD official said, adding that the person who inducted him into the group was 20-year-old Jahanzaib alias Mehrbaan.

The DIG said Jahanzaib was involved in reconnaissance, logistics, and transporting Rs600,000 as extortion money and Rs1 million plus medicines.

DIG Goraya said Jahanzaib also inducted another 18-year-old, Bezan, into the BYC, after which he joined the banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA).

Bezan's brother, Shafqat Yar, was killed in firing during an attack on the Levies force in Khad Kocha, the CTD official added.

"All these are individuals and children who were subverted and gradually pushed towards militancy by assigning them small tasks," he said.

Referring to militant groups designated by the state as Fitna al Hindustan, DIG Goraya said: "They claim they do not recruit children or women, but time and again we have presented evidence showing that they first use the BYC platform to indoctrinate children and then push them further."

The DIG said a structured network was operating that relied heavily on underage children, as they are not thoroughly checked while attending schools and colleges.

"We must bring this to the knowledge of parents," he stressed, adding that such youth would be sent to internment and rehabilitation centres being established in Quetta and Turbat.

"We will engage them in dialogue, provide psychological treatment, and involve parents and community elders so they may return as responsible citizens," he said.

'Red Notice Cell'

Meanwhile, Additional Chief Secretary Hamza Shafqaat said a 'Red Notice Cell' had been activated, comprising officials from the prosecutor general's office, CTD and the home department.

"They have prepared lists of more than 100 individuals currently abroad who are conspiring against Pakistan, sponsoring terrorism, lobbying and spreading propaganda," Shafqaat said.

PM takes notice of 'tree cutting' in Islamabad, seeks CDA report

ISLAMABAD: After a massive uproar by citizens and civil society, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has taken notice of the alleged tree cutting in Islamabad and sought a report from the Capital Development Authority (CDA).

Recently, large-scale tree cutting took place in at least three locations in the capital. The issue has remained a hot topic on social media over the past few days, with people protesting against the large-scale cutting of trees.

The CDA has maintained that in the Shakarparian area "only" paper mulberry trees were chopped down. However, on the ground, there are at least four patches, collectively spread over more than 15 acres, where almost all trees have been cut down near Lok Virsa.

Meanwhile, grown-up trees were also chopped down along a portion of the Expressway in H-8, where a park is being upgraded. Similarly, large-scale tree cutting was carried out in the Chak Shahzad area for the construction of a dual carriageway to provide a link to a CDA-DHA-owned housing scheme, from Park Road.—Kashif Abbasi

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open when the country shuts down on Feb 8. "Whom should we engage in dialogue with? They (federal government) snatched our mandate, the courts snatched the PTI's election symbol, and sentenced political leaders and workers to 10 to 20 years in jail," he said.

Mr Achakzai said people from Bajaur to Peshawar should come out on the roads on February 8 and participate in the 'Aman March', holding black flags to show that they have come out to end oppression and fascism in the country.

'End oppression'

"We have come to Lahore, urging people to join hands, to end the oppression being unleashed against innocent people in the country," Mr Achakzai said.

"We are not against [Prime Minister] Shehbaz Sharif or [President] Asif Zardari, but we stand against those political parties and state institutions desecrating the Constitution of Pakistan," he said.

He also regretted that the party, which raised slogans "*roti, kapra aur makan*" (bread, clothes and a home) was "busy damaging the Constitution through the 26th and 27th amendments".

Stating that former prime minister Nawaz Sharif had also marched on GT Road and raised the slogan "*vote ko izzat do*" (respect the vote), he urged the Sharif family to come out on the roads and raise this slogan again. The TTAP chairman said the country would be saved and progress would be made when the Constitution was restored.

Majlis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen (MWM) chief Raja Nasir Abbas said that no justice could be dispensed without restoring the rule of law in the country. "The incumbent rulers want to prolong their rule by terrorising people," he claimed, adding that people should stand against oppression and "defeat the fascists".

'Crackdown'

The PTI, in a statement, claimed that "multiple members of delegations present peacefully along the route of the caravan" were being taken into custody. "Peaceful citizens and party workers, who are unarmed and pose no threat of any kind, are being subjected to extremely brutal behaviour by the fascist police acting on political orders," it alleged.

Furthermore, the opposition alliance also claimed that 'dozens' of MWM workers were arrested in Lahore, including Senior Vice President Syed Hussain Kazmi. PTI Punjab chief organiser Aliya Hamza Malik instructed the party's lawyers wing to lodge first information reports against police raids, which violated people's privacy and damaged property, including vehicles in police stations.

PTI senior leader Asad Qaiser strongly condemned the vandalism against the TTAP convoy's vehicles by "masked individuals", terming the Punjab government "fascist".

"In our opinion, Mian sahib (Nawaz Sharif), who used to harp on about democracy and consider himself a champion of democracy, [why] is he silent on this?" Mr Qaiser asked, adding that Mr Achakzai was among the PML-N president's "old friends".

Banks engage with 'viable' agri-loan initiative

KARACHI: The Pakistan Banks Association (PBA) says banks are willingly engaging with the recently-launched *Zarkhez-e* (Asaan Digital Zarai Qarza) initiative because it is structured as a commercially viable incentive scheme.

Referring to a *Dawn* story titled 'The flaws of coercive sustainability', published in the Business and Finance Weekly on Jan 5, a PBA spokesperson argued that a key distinction of *Zarkhez-e* is that eligibility of the borrower does not equate to entitlement. The decision of who to lend to and who not to lend to, rests squarely with banks.

He said banks also remain free to obtain security and collateral in line with their internal risk policies. He insisted that the banking industry's participation in this scheme was not a result of pressure from the State Bank or the Ministry of Finance.

The PBA, however, acknowledged that a weak recovery framework was indeed a challenge for the banking sector. But the *Zarkhez-e* scheme has been designed to mitigate these legal risks through government-backed incentives: a 10pc first-loss guarantee as a tangible buffer against default and optional crop loan insurance as a tool to de-risk the portfolio, though, he said.

The spokesperson maintained that combined with real-time Nadra ID verification, PMD mobile SIM verification against CNIC, and the Land Information Management System for digital agronomic data, these cogent incentives make participation a logical business decision. —Staff Reporter

Ex-KP CM declared 'proclaimed offender'

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: An Islamabad court on Thursday declared former Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister Ali Amin Gandapur proclaimed offender due to his continued absence from court hearings in a liquor and arms recovery case.

Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Hassan Chishti, while hearing the case, directed that notices be published in newspapers and displayed at prominent places to ensure the accused appeared in court. It observed that Ali Amin Gandapur had failed to appear despite being summoned on multiple occasions, leaving no option but to proceed under the law.

The court declared Mr Gandapur a proclaimed offender and issued non-bailable arrest warrants against him.

During the hearing, the court was informed that two additional cases had been registered against Mr Gandapur and other accused in connection with the "Real Azadi March" at Bara Kahu police station. However, it was pointed out that in those cases, PTI founder Imran Khan, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Zartaj Gul, and several other co-accused had already been acquitted by the courts.

The court noted that the accused once again failed to appear, terming his continued absence a serious matter.

The magistrate observed that repeated non-appearance despite multiple opportunities constituted a violation of court orders. The court was further informed that the liquor and arms seizure case against Mr Gandapur had been registered at Bara Kahu police station, where proceedings are currently underway. The court directed the authorities to ensure immediate implementation of the order declaring Mr Gandapur a proclaimed offender. Further hearing of the cases was adjourned till February 9.

Operation launched after Kech attack

By Saleem Shahid

QUETTA: Security forces have launched a combing search operation in the Mand area of Kech district following a grenade attack at an open court (khuli kutchehry) held by Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries Mir Barkat Rind.

However, Mr Rind and the people present at the event escaped unharmed as the grenade exploded in the parking lot. Officials said the incident occurred in Mand, a town near the Iranian border in Kech district.

Security for Mr Rind has been increased following the grenade attack, the officials added.

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attack by militants could upend the precarious calm that prevails between Pakistan and its two neighbours.

The report lists 10 conflicts to watch in 2026: Afghanistan-Pakistan, Myanmar, Israel and the United States versus Iran, Israel-Palestine, Syria, Ukraine, Mali and Burkina Faso, Ethiopia-Eritrea, Sudan, and Venezuela.

The report says the world was careening into a dangerous new era well before Donald Trump's return to the White House. Thus far, his second term has done less to slow things down than to put a foot on the gas. The year 2025 was a bloody one, and 2026 promises little better.

'Trump effect'

Less predictable has been President Trump, whose first year back in the White House has turned world politics and international crisis management on their heads. Trump returned to power pledging to bring peace to a world ablaze. He has put himself centre stage in many wars and trouble spots.

Trump has brought fresh attention to peacemaking after years in which diplomatic efforts to end conflicts had been flailing.

But Trump has not calmed the global turmoil he decried on the campaign trail. In some cases, he has made it worse.

His deals, often built on other countries' diplomacy, have brought respite to some battlefields but delivered no lasting peace anywhere.

Trump's deal-making aims to bring US power to bear, whether in Gaza, by leveraging Israel's dependency on Washington, or elsewhere, mostly by threatening tariffs or dangling business opportunities.

Trump's bargaining must be set against the dearth of peace deals that preceded his return to power as well as the lack of progress in places where he does not engage.

European leaders, for example, focused on the existential peril they see on their doorstep, have less bandwidth for peacemaking elsewhere, the report says.

Cooperation between Centre, provinces vital

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of agricultural tube wells to solar power, ensuring sustainable energy for farmers. Utilising $400 million from the World Bank following the 2022 floods, the government has continued to construct houses across the province for flood-affected families, he said. The PM urged all stakeholders to adopt a joint strategy to ensure that the journey of development reaches every corner of the province.

In the same meeting, CM Bugti emphasised that due to its distinct economic, social, and geographical conditions, Balochistan requires special and sustained attention from the federation.

Highlighting Balochistan's unique challenges, he pointed to the province's vast geography, scattered population, and security concerns, which have made development more complex compared to other provinces.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti, Dr Malik Baloch, and Maulana Abdul Wasey. National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq; Senate Deputy Chairman Seyddal Khan; cabinet members Ahsan Iqbal and Abdul Aleem Khan; Rana Sanaullah; Leader of the Opposition in the Balochistan Assembly Mir Younis Aziz Zehri; Balochistan ministers Mir Saleem Khosa, Mir Shoaib Nosherwani, and Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, and others were also present.

CDF vows zero tolerance for threats to national security

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match the dynamic future battlefield".

He also inspected sports and recreational facilities being provided to troops, highlighting their importance in maintaining physical fitness, morale, and overall well-being, it said.

CDF Field Marshal Munir also visited a care centre at Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Lahore, lauding the efforts of the medical staff and administration in establishing a fully equipped, state-of-the-art healthcare facility, it added.

The CDF's remarks come after the military's spokesperson stated that Afghanistan had become a hub of terrorists and non-state actors, declaring the ruling Taliban "the mother organisation" which had been harbouring such groups since 2021.

In a wide-ranging and marathon press conference, he also spoke at length about souring relations with Afghanistan, the belligerence being witnessed from India, as well as levelling criticism against the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Imran Khan, without explicitly naming the latter.

Last month, the army's top leadership had also warned political forces against undermining national unity besides vowing to deal sternly with what it described as India-sponsored proxies involved in terrorism.

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The Tenders/bidders may collect Tender documents from the Procurement Office, ground floor, DFMC, on any working day during 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. till January 15, 2026,

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Proposals No. PRIMACO (EOBI) – TA/01/2026
Request for Proposals (RFP)
For

Procurement of Consultancy Services for Transaction Advisor related to EOBI's Proposed Real Estate Investment in Mixed Use Development Projects, comprising Five Star Hotels, Serviced Apartments and Corporate Offices, on Two Plots, located in Sector F-5/1, Islamabad.

Pakistan Real Estate Investment & Management Company (Pvt) Limited (PRIMACO, a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EOBI), on behalf of Employees' Old Age Benefits Institution (EOBI), invites sealed Technical and Financial Proposals, from reputable Consultancy firms, Companies, Joint Ventures or Consortia etc. for the Transaction Advisory Services related to EOBI's proposed investments in a mixed use real estate development projects comprising Five Star Hotels, Serviced Apartments and Corporate Offices on two Plots mentioned in the RFP, located in Sector F-5/1, Islamabad.

Eligible bidders must be registered with the Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments, listed on the Federal Board of Revenue's Active Taxpayer List, and hold all valid licenses from professional regulatory authorities, where applicable, as detailed in the RFP document.

The Consultancy Services for Transaction Advisor will be procured through **Least Cost Selection** Method following Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, in accordance with Public Procurement Rules & Regulations.

The RFP document, containing all necessary information and instructions, is available for download free of charge from EPADS (http://eprocure.gov.pk). This advertisement is also accessible on the websites of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (www.ppra.gov.pk) and PRIMACO (www.primaco.com.pk), free of cost.

Details regarding the date, time and venue of the pre-bid meeting are provided in the RFP.

The Proposals (Technical & Financial) must be prepared in accordance with the RFP instructions and submitted exclusively through EPADS (http://eprocure.gov.pk) only, no later than **26 January 2026 by 1400 Hours.** The Technical & Financial Proposals will be opened the same day at **1430 hours** at the address below. The participating bidders are welcome to attend the Proposals' opening session. The manual or hard copy submissions of the proposals shall not be accepted.

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Invitation for E-Bids (IFB)

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Tender No.		ITEM DESCRIPTION	Unit	Qty	Date of Opening of Tender
70	Lot-I	Laptops (Cat-I)	Nos	09	E-Bids will be received till 26.01.2026 up to 10:30 AM and will be opened at 11:00 AM on the same date.
		Laptops (Cat-II)		02	
		Laptops (Cat-III)		72	
	Lot-II	Desktop Computers with UPS		90	
	Lot-III	Printer Black & White Conventional		117	
		Color Printer		07	
		Medium/Heavy Duty Printer		25	
	Lot-IV	Document Scanner		30	

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2. Tenders will be opened on "Single Stage Two Envelope basis".
3. The price should be firm and final on FCS basis and without involving any foreign exchange.
4. The bid shall be valid for a period of 90 days.
5. The bidder shall submit sealed Bid security/Guarantee in original amounting to **Rs.600,000/- for Lot-I, Rs. 540,000 for Lot-II, Rs.240,000 for Lot-III & Rs.90,000 for Lot-IV** in favor of Chief Executive Officer HAZECO Abbottabad of the offered quantity valid for 120 days (One Twenty Days) in the form of Bank Guarantee/Call Deposit issued by any schedule Bank of Pakistan (having rating A+ or above) before the bid closing time, failing which the bid(s) shall be considered non-responsive. Moreover, Copy of Technical Bid signed and stamped by bidder may also be submitted at the time of opening of e-bid.
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7. In case of holiday announced by the Govt. of Pakistan, strike in HAZECO or any other reasons whatsoever due to which this office remains closed on the above schedule tender opening date, the tender will be opened on next working day at the same time and place/venue.
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9. HAZECO reserves the right to reject the bids as per PPRA Rule-33 (1) 2004 (amended to date).
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